

EPL Annual Report

Fiscal Year May 2004 – April 2005

Elmhurst Public Library

Highlights of the year

1.1 million checkouts!

–Borrowers checked out **1,124,000** items this year, an average of 93,000 per month.

–This represents a 14% increase in circulation from last year and nearly a 100% increase over the past 15 years.

Half a million visitors

–We were busier than ever with more than **510,000** visitors.

–On our busiest days we served more than **2,500** people, nearly 6% of the Elmhurst population.

Library cards

–This year we issued **4,000** new library cards.

–Now, **31,200** people have Elmhurst Public Library cards—an amazing 73% of Elmhurst residents.

Answering your questions

–Librarians answered more than **79,000** of your questions this year.

–Residents contacted us in person, by phone, e-mail and fax.

Library collections

Choose from more items than ever before.

Books	244,331
Paperbacks	11,343
Magazine/Newspaper	
Subscriptions	676
Electronic Database	
Subscriptions	64
Audiobooks	7,021
Cassettes	5,472
CDs	1,437
MP3s	112
Music	12,156
Cassettes	2,120
CDs	10,036
Movies	13,580
Videocassettes	10,167
DVDs	3,413
CD-ROMs	1,207
Computer Software	19

Budget

Revenue

Total revenue	\$5,788,000
Property tax	\$5,165,000
Replacement tax ..	\$212,000
(includes funds to repay construction bonds)	
Grants, gifts, interest, fines, fees and miscellaneous revenue	\$411,000

Expenditures

Total operating expenditures	\$4,530,000
Books	\$560,000
Music, Movies and Audiobooks	\$95,000
Magazines/Newspapers	\$41,000
Salaries/Benefits	
\$2,598,000	
Other general operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, repairs, program fees	\$736,000
Fund transfers	\$500,000
Bond repayment ...	\$1,254,000

(Budget figures are unaudited.)

Sixth in the Nation

Once again the Elmhurst Public Library ranked as one of the top 10 libraries in the nation when compared to libraries with similar populations according to the Hennen's American Public Library Ratings Index. Visit www.haplr-index.com for more details.



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Top Masonry Award

The new building's exterior won the Gold Medal for Excellence in Masonry from the Illinois Indiana Masonry Council.

Reaching out to our community

Supporting our schools

–Last spring, staff visited almost every classroom in Elmhurst to promote the Summer Reading Program.

–In May 2004, staff hosted 16 parties at the library to congratulate 530 first graders on learning to read.

–In April 2005, more than 500 preschoolers visited the library to enjoy a special program of stories and a puppet show.

–Almost 4,900 books and other items were sent to Elmhurst classrooms.

Meeting rooms

–Local groups held 475 meetings at the library.

Outreach services

–This year we sent more than 2,600 books, magnifiers and other items to homebound Elmhurst residents and to locations such as senior housing, extended care facilities & an adult respite care house.

We offered programs...

–More than 21,600 children and parents enjoyed storytimes, book talks, puppetry workshops and other children’s programs this year. A special focus was given to early literacy and preparing children to learn how to read.

–Almost 2,900 teens and adults enjoyed attending classes, history programs, book discussions, opera lectures and other programs.

–More than 4,600 children joined the “Discover New Trails...READ” Summer Reading Program, and over 1,000 teens and adults completed the program.

–We celebrated our first year in the new building with a special puppetry program and live jazz concert.

... and you came



Juggler Andy Head demonstrates his craft this April. More than 21,600 children and parents attended programs at the library this past year.

Sincere thanks

To our Friends

–The Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library donated more than \$8,000 to the 2004 Summer Reading Program, raised over \$1,700 for the library in a “Read-a-Thon” summertime fundraiser and held a very successful poetry contest for kids in grades 4–12. More than 180 poems were received, and over 35 students won an award or honorable mention.

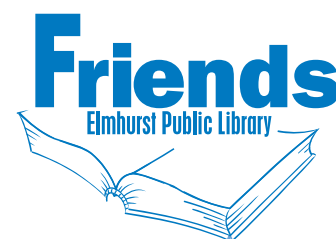
To volunteers

–More than 100 middle school students volunteered 2,200 hours during the summer to help with the Summer Reading and Book Buddies Programs. –Every week volunteers delivered items to homebound residents and other outreach locations.

To donors

–We received more than \$35,250 in donations for Summer Reading, memorials and dedications, including \$12,000 from the Elmhurst Noon Lions Club for assistive software and equipment in the Special Access Center.

–Special thanks to local businesses, organizations and individuals who donated coupons, prizes and gift certificates to the Summer Reading Program.



Technology @ your library

Computer use

–More than 9,600 people used the library’s 70 public computers for a total of 61,000 hours.

–Hundreds of people brought their laptops to the library for free wireless and plug-in access to the Internet, which is available throughout the building.

–The library added new subscriptions to online databases, covering topics from business to genealogy.

Web site

–The library’s Web site home page received over 130,000 hits this past year.

–The most popular items on the library’s Web site included the catalog, information databases, calendar of events, reading suggestion lists and online renewal of library items.

Computer classes

–More than 900 people attended hands-on computer classes in the library’s computer lab. Classes covered topics such as how to use a computer, search the Internet, use the library’s catalog and use Microsoft Word and Excel.



Over 70 computers are available for public use. You also can bring your laptop and take advantage of our plug-in and wireless Internet access.

Library hours

Monday–Friday

9 a.m.–9 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday

1–5 p.m.

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